



Police and firefighters from surrounding municipalities responded to Wayne and Van Born roads Tuesday night after a series of explosions sparked a fire at the EQ Resource Recovery in Romulus.

Firefighters battle caustic chemical blaze

Scott Spielman
Editor

Officials were still piecing together what happened at the EQ Resource Recovery facility in Romulus when *The Journal Newspaper* went to press Tuesday night.

At press time, all that was known was that one of the storage tanks at the facility, which stored chemical de-icers for nearby Detroit Metro Airport, exploded causing a chain reaction.

All employees escaped without injury.

The explosion colored the sky over the Wayne and Romulus communities and shook houses miles away.

"I was outside my house and all of the sud-



den, the entire sky lit up orange," said David Bilski, who lives near the Wayne and Van Born Road site. "I walked around the front in time to see a huge ball of flame."

Units responded from surrounding communities and firefighter battled the blaze well into the night. Chemical clouds forced the evacuation of residents in the area surrounding the plant.

Out-of-district student costs rile area parents

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Residents in the Romulus Community School District strongly criticized spending tax money on out-of-district students Monday night at the regular meeting of the school board.

According to one parent, out-of-district students who are driven by a parent to classes are taking away opportunities from other students.

"I know of at least 18 students that are in our sports programs, and some of them are going to get scholarships that might have gone to our children," said Linda McNeil. "I'm a taxpayer in Romulus. I bought a house here. But we as Romulus residents often times cannot always afford to pay for higher education, and this needs to stop right now."

About 100 parents packed into the sweltering Grant Road administration building where the seven-member board has their meetings. Most of the parents were in attendance because the district has cut back on programs and teachers – but the demand for the services has increased because students whose parents do not pay taxes in the district attend classes in Romulus, audience members said.

Romulus Community School officials do not have statistics as to how many students in the 4,000-student district might not actually live in the city boundaries. Typically, enrollment personnel ask for only a driver's license, a property tax bill, an apartment lease, a mortgage receipt or a voter's registration, according to district spokesman Dick Kruse. But he also said the district is looking at other ways to verify res-

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**Superintendent
Joel Carr**

idency.

"We are going to ask legal guardians and those with power of attorney over students to provide three pieces of the aforementioned items," he said. "We think this will help a great deal."

Romulus Community Schools has consistently passed state and federal Michigan Education Assessment Tests (MEAP) and has never taken part in the Schools of Choice Program. That program allows parents who live in school districts that do not meet standards under the No Child Left Behind Act to enroll their children in other districts willing to accept out-of-district students.

Nearby districts that accept students from outside their boundaries are Inkster Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Westwood Community Schools, and Wayne-Westland schools. But only Wayne-Westland schools has had consistent, acceptable MEAP results, making Romulus schools attractive to area families.

Superintendent Joel Carr said he understands the parents' dilemma, but also said the problem was also indicative of the negative effects of Proposal A, which shifted education funding away

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Eighth Annual Pumpkin Festival brings new teen attractions, old favorites

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Director Maria Lambert.

"We brought back everything that was popular from previous years, but we did try to do some things different," she said. "This year we really decide to take a look at some things for teens ages 13 to 18 to do. They really had nothing to do because we don't have a fair."

Teens will be able to enjoy music and other entertainment, as well as a certified hypnotist at Romulus Progressive Hall on Osgood Street on Saturday.

The festival will open with a parade sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club, Lambert said. Several groups will march in the parade, and clowns and other

performers are scheduled to keep children and adults entertained.

Contests and events for people who know their way around the kitchen include a canning contest and a pie-baking contest. Those with a green thumb will enjoy the pumpkin growing contest, as well as the sunflower growing contest, both on Friday evening.

Games and activities for youngsters will include pumpkin rolling, hay bale rolling, a pie eating contest and sack races, said Lambert. These events will occur on Saturday and Sunday.

Food will be plentiful this year, as are merchandise vendors, which will line Goddard Road. Lambert said about 75-100 ven-

dors will be in attendance, selling everything from folk art to jewelry.

The Cruisin' Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, and about 100 classic automobiles will be on display near Historical Park.

Councilman William Wadsworth will also host his annual bingo tournament to benefit the drive to build a new animal shelter. Lambert said the Pumpkin Festival committee is trying to retain the senior center for the tournament, but that it might take place in a tent at Historical Park.

Civil War re-enactors from the Romulus Historical Commission will put on performances and demonstrations during the three-

day event.

Musical performances are scheduled throughout the weekend. This year, Channel 6, a rock band, Waco, a country band, the Mayor's Band (featuring the drum stylings of Mayor Alan Lambert) and the all-girl jazz-fusion quintet Straight Ahead will take the stage again.

The Parade of Lights – which includes several vehicles decorated with brightly colored lights, will also take place on Saturday.

And, of course, pumpkin pie will be available in abundance.

For more information about the Pumpkin Festival, call the Pumpkin Hotline toll-free at (734) 355-4577.

Wayne County Fair continues until Sunday

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There's still plenty of time to enjoy agriculture activities and events during the Wayne County Fair.

The 59th annual event, a tradition throughout the area, includes livestock exhibits, arts and crafts and other culinary competitions; a carnival, a demolition derby, a 4x4 tractor pull, a talent show competition and show and other daily events and exhibits.

The fair, located at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight today through Saturday. Show times for events will vary.

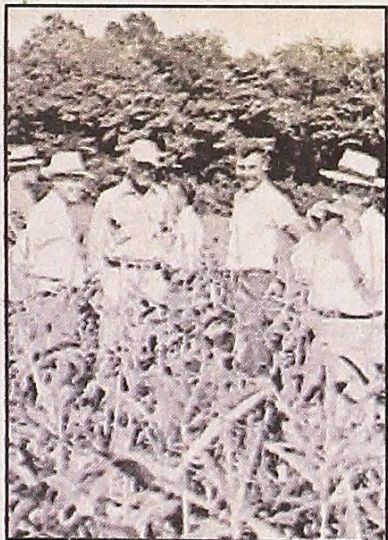
According to Tom Koppin, president of the Wayne County Fair Association, the event truly offers something for everyone.

"Overall, it's a showcase of crafts, livestock and horse exhibitors in Wayne County that have a fun time doing it," he said. "We want everyone to come out even if you're not a Wayne County resident."

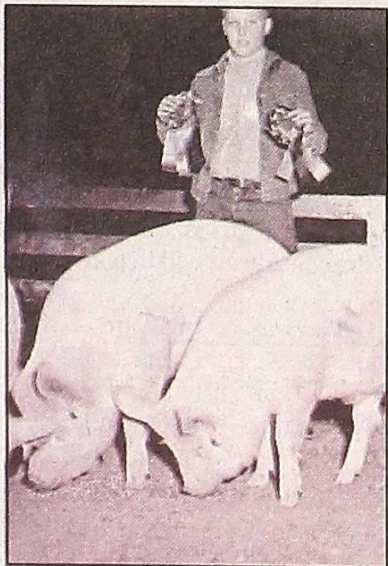
And about 20,000-25,000 people typically do each year, according to Koppin.

"The event is certainly youth driven for the kids of Wayne County, but it's for adults too and that's just as important," he said.

Today, the events will include: a youth horse show at 9 a.m., an archery competition at 10 a.m., a 4-H livestock auction at 6:30 p.m., a tough truck competition at 7 p.m. and other events.



The Wayne County Fair started more than 59 years ago to celebrate the area's agriculture activities like farming. Here is one of the first events.



Today, area youth still compete for awards and prizes in many of the competitions that the fair offers such as the livestock exhibits pictured above.

On Friday, visitors can watch a horse show at 9 a.m.; a pocket pet show at 4 p.m., which is open for youths ages 5-19 to show off their pets; and a mini-modified tractor pull at 4 p.m. A livestock master stockman competition will take place at 6 p.m. for the first and second place winners throughout the weeklong fair.

"The mini-modified tractor pull and the demolition derby shows make a lot of noise, are exciting and are a lot of fun to watch," said Koppin.

On Saturday, the Wayne County Fair will host a fun horse show at 9 a.m. along with a pet show at 1 p.m. and a demolition derby at 7 p.m. to wrap up the events.

Koppin, who has been involved in the fair for more than 20 years,

said it's all about keeping the agricultural traditions alive in the Wayne County area.

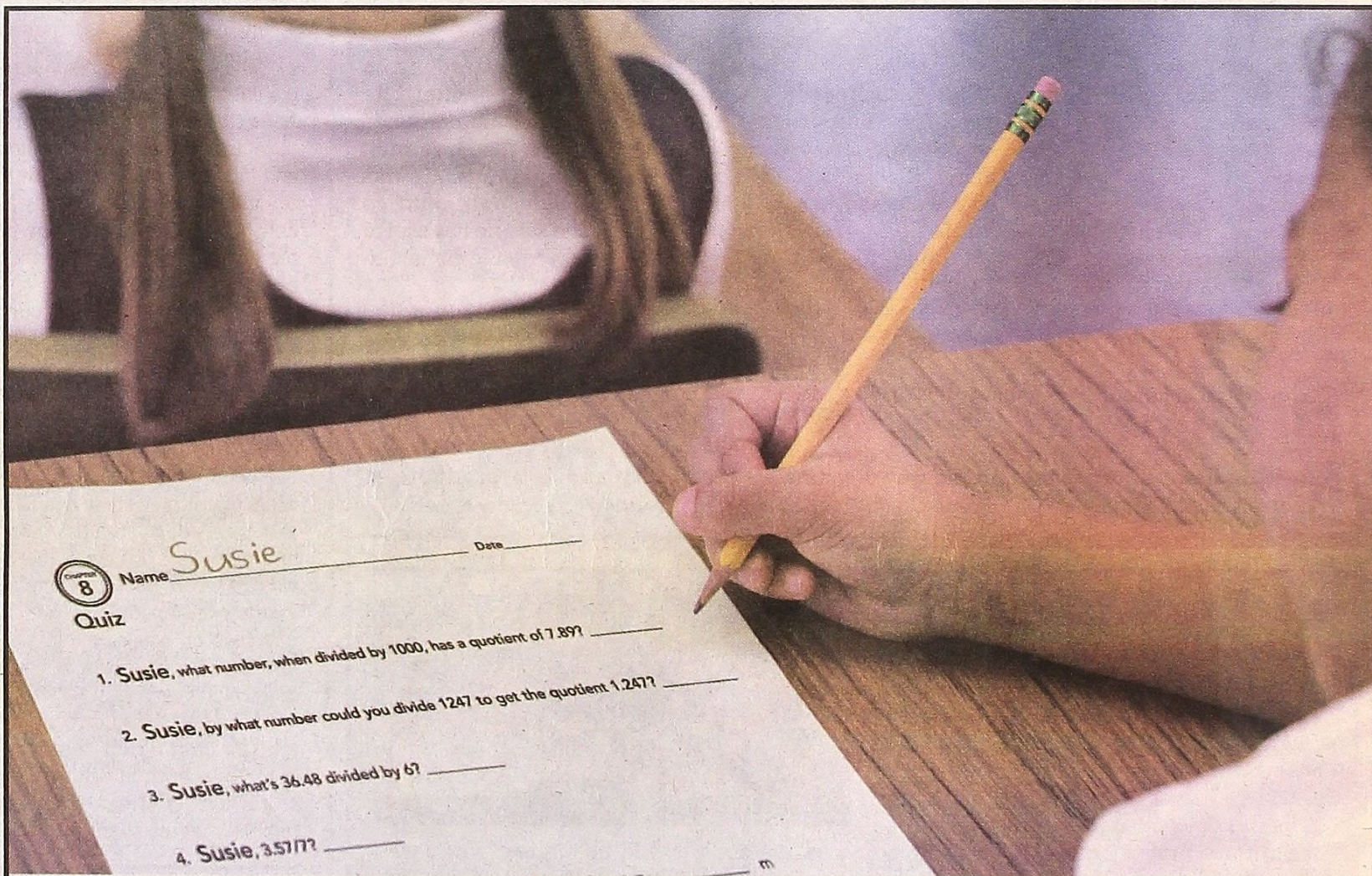
"Even though we are considered a smaller fair because there's been a reduction of agricultural in the area, we still try to serve the community," he said. "This event is a big part of my life and my family's lives. All my kids have shown livestock in the past fairs and now they help me work the fair, including my wife. I encourage everyone to come out and have a great time."

Gate fees are \$3 per person today and \$5 per person tomorrow and Saturday. Children 12-years-old and under are free.

For more information visit www.waynecountyfair.net or call 734-697-7002.



One of the biggest events of the fair is the talent show where performers of all ages from all over Michigan compete for top honors.



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Crout hopes experience leads to victory at polls

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Harry Crout, a longtime resident of Romulus, is hoping his history in the city and his ideas for making the city a better place to live will earn him a seat on the Romulus City Council when the votes are counted in November.

Crout – who has lived in Romulus for 30 years – said he like what he sees in the current administration, and he would like to see what has started in the city continue.

“I think we’ve been moving in the right direction, but after a while, it gets tougher to keep things on track,” he said. “I think we’ve had some great changes – in development, in new business – and those are the things we need to make sure keep working for us. I don’t think we need to slide back to where we used to be.”

Crout is campaigning on a simple premise: Create new business and entertainment opportunities, improve public safety, and increase the number of available jobs.

“I’ve been told by quite a few people that we need more entertainment here,” said Crout. “It would be nice to be

able to go to a movie or shopping in the city and not have to go to Westland or Belleville or Van Buren Township. We need those things here for our convenience. We need to expect to have the same amenities as other communities.”

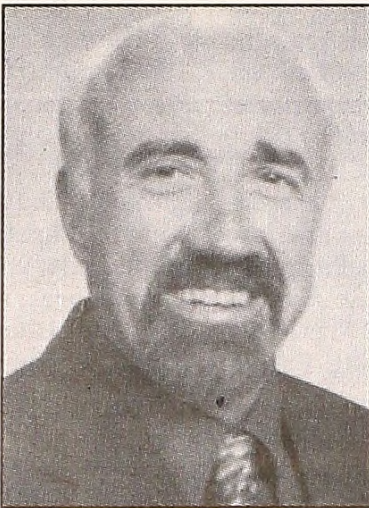
And, that would help lower taxes, he said.

“Taxes are already too high, and the more business we can get in here, the better,” he said. “I’d really like to be able to give the residents a tax break down the line.”

Improving public safety in the city is also an issue, said Crout.

“We have a great public safety department,” he said. “But I suspect they are stretched a little too thin. We need to find a way to pay for more officers on the streets. And we also need to make sure we have more firemen – we took a big step moving away from a volunteer fire department to a paid department, but we need more firefighters. It’s understaffed the way it is now.”

Crout said if he is elected, he will not let anything stand in the way of voting his conscience.



Harry Crout

“I have seen the city go through a lot of changes, and I really care about the residents here because they are my neighbors. I will always fight for what the people want, even if what they want is not what I would choose. That’s why public officials are elected in the first place.”

Crout is retired from General Motors, where he worked in the maintenance department of the Powertrain Plant in Ypsilanti. He has never sought public office before, and said he has a lot of time to serve in the community.

When he’s not attending meetings, Crout spends time with Sandy, his wife of 30 years, his sons, Scott and Terry, and his two grandchildren. He is a native of Garden City and is a graduate of Garden City High School.

Much-traveled Goddard Road to shut down

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Though the results will probably please travelers in the long run, residents who travel Goddard Road will get a rude awakening in the third week of August when the thoroughfare is closed between Middlebelt and Inkster roads for repair.

Workers will repair two deteriorated concrete box culverts and repair existing drains and pavement.

The culverts are quite large at

12-feet by 5-feet, and have been in need of repair for several years, according to Romulus officials.

The work is expected to last until the end of October, city officials said. Until the road reopens, commuters will be asked to obey detour signs placed on Northline and Harrison Road.

Goddard Road, which is maintained by Wayne County, is one of the most-traveled roads in Romulus. Several parts of the road have been under construction for the past several years.

Students - No residency data

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from property tax levies.

“The reality is that some people cheat,” he said. “But Proposal A created an environment where parents are shopping for schools, and it created a tax structure that is unfair for young people buying a new home, so I can see why people are frustrated. There are no easy solutions at this point.”

Carr also said vetting students that don’t legitimately reside in the city is equally as difficult.

“We can’t go out and follow people around – we just don’t have the resources for that,” he said. “But I’ve been telling people for three years that if they know of a family that is cheating to tell us. And I’ve had no calls – not even one. But we will investigate any complaint, and we need people to. We can’t just pick on some people – they may have been here for years, and that would be offensive.”

Romulus Community Schools is state-mandated to educate homeless children, which means some are coming from local motels, making them difficult to

track, Carr said.

Kim Mason, the father of two children attending classes in the district, said he was attracted to quality of the schools when he moved here. But he said he’ll need a commitment from the district that they will solve the problem.

“In a way, this is like paying for somebody else’s kid to get an education,” he said. “The taxes here are the same as in a place like Novi or Northville. The new houses that are being built here are worth more money – which means we pay more taxes. That’s just not fair to us. With what’s happening with the schools, I might as well go live in Novi for this.”

Some parents say they have noticed other parents dropping off students and then driving onto the expressway – but it’s difficult to know if that parent is going to work or going home, Kruse said.

McNeil said parents will not let the district forget about the problem anytime soon.

“We need to know that our tax dollars are going to help our children get a better education,” she said.

Candidate touts aggressive agenda

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

City council candidate Tony Heimberger hopes to take on an activist role on the seven-member body to correct what he sees as a system that slows change in the City of Romulus.

“We’ve had a business-as-usual attitude happening for some time,” he said. “And that’s not something I want to see happen. I think we need to have new blood and ideas on the council to correct some of our problems.”

The first thing Heimberger would implement is a 1 percent tax on non-residents who work in the city, he said.

“Those people use our roads and we don’t get much to show for it, especially from the airport (employees),” he said. “We get no consideration from them whatsoever.”

Heimberger proposes that 50 percent of the funds generated from the city tax would go toward reducing the millage rate for residents, 20 percent would go to roads, 10 percent would go to sidewalk repair, and 10 percent would be discretionary funds for the city.

Also on Heimberger’s agen-

da is an amendment to the charter that would require rental properties to be inspected once every two years at a fee of \$100.

“I think that would go a long way towards cleaning up rental units and other buildings in the city, and dealing with slumlords,” he said. “We’re never going to be able to clean up the city at the pace we’re going. We have a lot of rental units, and that would be a start.”

Part of that would mean enforcing rules for business owners to clean up their acts.

“We have some businesses in Romulus that don’t look very good. There are landscaping issues and other problems,” he said. “This would encourage them to clean up as well.”

Boards and commissions would be a little different under Heimberger’s watch, too. Another amendment to the city charter would include a provision that residents could not sit on more than one board or commission.

“This is a problem because we keep getting the same ideas over and over, and we need some new ones,” he said. “It’s why we keep getting what we have – too many people are on



Tony Heimberger

council or on the planning commission, or on other boards. I would limit that so it opens it up for other people who may want to take part (in city functions).

Heimberger, a graduate of Davenport College, holds a degree in accounting and business law, said his experience with numbers gives him an edge over some of his opponents.

He also said he is willing to advocate for policies that might not be beneficial to him.

“I’m a property owner, and willing to work for a policy that would ensure rental property inspections for a fee,” he said. “I’m still willing to do that even though it will cost me money.”

Heimberger has lived in Romulus for 18 years. He sought election to the Romulus school board this year, and for city council in 1995.



Summer learning

What used to be considered a punishment is now a way to help hone students’ skills for the following school year. This year, nine Romulus Middle School students successfully completed language arts summer school to help build their vocabulary and increase their ability to write – an essential skill they will need as they move forward. The students are (first row, left to right): Tashia Pace, Deondre Beckon, Chyna Bennett and Austin Qualkenbush. In the second row are: John Durtka, Jahn Curtis, Charles Hardy, Anthony Wallace and David Miller.

Clarification

In the story, “Tax abatement OK’d” (*Romulus Roman*, Aug. 4), it was erroneously stated that council members Debbie Romak and Charles Miller voted down a six-year tax abatement. But Romack made a motion for a six year abate-

ment, Miller seconded it, but that motion was voted down by the council. Then a motion was made for the 12 year abatement which was approved.

The Romulus Roman regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

OBITUARIES

COPELAND, Elmer

Elmer Copeland, Jr., 81, of Romulus, died June 16.

Among his survivors are his sons, Elmer III, Roger and Shaun; daughters, Nona and Marcia; 18 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Copeland served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was a past Post Commander of VFW Post 1869.

He was employed by Kelsey Hayes and owned his own landscaping business.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Larkin officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

WRIGHT, Wanda

Wanda May Wright, 83, of Ann Arbor, died July 22.

Among her survivors are her children, Monty (Janice) Fitzgerald of North Carolina and Ernestine Manners of Texas; a sister, Maxine Dotimas of Michigan and Darrell (Delwanda) Fitzgerald of Indiana; 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wright was retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Terry Clees officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

SHARMA, Mary

Mary Therese Sharma, 40, of Belleville, died July 11.

Among her survivors are her husband, Yogesh Chandra Sharma; children, Anjali Mary Sharma, Anisha Therese Sharma and Krishna Chandra Sharma, all of

Belleville; her parents, Sydney Joseph and Anne Margaret (Broge) Gomez of Redford; a sister, Heleyn Lynn (Terry) Bowler of Redford; brothers, Joseph Sydney (Rita) Gómez and Michael Joseph Gomez of Westland; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law, and her father-law-law, Ramesh Chandra Sharma of Delhi, India.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, where Mrs. Sharma was a member, with Father Thomas M. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

EMERSON, James

James R. Emerson, 57, of Belleville, died July 13.

Among his survivors is his wife of 15 years, Deborah Joyce (McIsaac) Emerson; children, Shauna Emerson, Robert Emerson and Cody Emerson, all of Belleville; sisters, Jane Emerson of Westland and Joyce Emerson of Inkster; and nephews, John Scott and Troy Emerson.

Mr. Emerson was employed at Ford Motor Co. in Allen Park for 28 years.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment of cremains was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

MCGRANE, Matthew

Matthew G. McGrane, 47, of Romulus, died July 14.

Among his survivors are his wife, Tamatha A. (Bennett) McGrane; a son, Jesse McGrane; his father and step-mother, Bernard and Vira (Petraska) McGrane; brothers, Bernard (Stephanie) McGrane of Elkhart, Ind., Patrick (Cindy) McGrane of Carleton, Christopher (Barbara) McGrane, of Colorado, and Martin McGrane of St. Clair Shores; sisters, Denise (Russell) Harris of Romulus, Michele “Micki” (Jerry) Weidman of Lincoln Park and Lucia Ochs of Wayne, and 16 nieces and nephews.

Mr. McGrane was employed by the Romulus School District.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

BIES, Henry

Henry Jerome Bies, 82, a life long resident of Sumpter Township, died July 20.

Among his survivors are his wife of 57 years, Helen S. Bies; children, Susan M. (Darrell) Featheringill of Dexter, James P. (Margie) Bies of Gregory, Barbara Bies of Wisconsin and William Bies of Ypsilanti; brothers, Matthew (Gertrude) Bies of Belleville and Stanley (Jenny) Bies of Willis; a sister-in-law, Irene Sobecki of Belleville; five granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter; Olivia Luke.

Mr. Bies retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1987 after 30 years of employment. He was active with a slow pitch baseball league and helped at the Belleville Strawberry Festival.

Mr. Bies served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church where Mr. Bies was a

member and served as an usher. He was active in helping to build the church.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated funeral mass for Mr. Bies.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

HOPE, Delpha

Delpha Naomi Hope, 85, of Romulus, died July 22.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 69 years, Kenneth P. Hope; her children, Geraldine Basham of Ypsilanti and James Hope of Woodhaven; sisters, Juanita Zoph of Missouri and Patty Pennington of Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hope was a member of Faith Assembly on Huron River Drive.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Clarence Hayes officiating.

Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford.

PAGLIA, Helen

Helen Catherine Paglia, 90, of Romulus, died July 23.

Among her survivors area her sons, Arthur E. “Ricky” Paglia of Arizona and Phillip R. Was of Romulus; sisters, Terry (Fred) Perry of California and Irene (Emile) Broda of Dearborn; seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

A funeral mass was celebrated for Mrs. Paglia at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus, where she was a member.

Father Festus Ejimadu was the celebrant.

Cremation rites were accorded.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BIDS REQUESTED

Sealed bids for one (1) aerial platform (100 ft.) vehicle will be received in the Clerk’s Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 2:00pm (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), Tuesday, August 30, 2005. Bid packets (including specifications) are available at the office of:

Joannie D. Payne, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111
(TEL: 734-699-8909)

All bids shall be sealed and submitted according to the included instructions. The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to reject any and all bids, is not required to accept the low bid, and may waive any irregularities in same.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the “Michigan Election Laws” that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday and the day of any regular or special election, receive application for registration from any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the day of the CLOSE of registration for the Primary Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005
8:00 a.m, to 6:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTER-ING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefore, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registra-tion, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered on the registration list.

Each person registering must possess the following qualifications:

- 1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Must be 18 years of age on or before September 13, 2005.
- 3. Must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City of Romulus.

Public no ice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 05/06-10 - 31’ MOBILE COMMAND CENTER VEHICLE

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A, Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MIST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE
BID 05/06-10 - 31’ MOBILE COMMAND CENTER VEHICLE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive techni-calities.

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OPINION

Nice turnaround

If officials in Plymouth Township are looking for additional funds, here's an idea: They can hire out their services to other municipalities to show them how to get a millage approved.

A few scant months after a public safety millage renewal and increase was rejected by voters, the township went to the people again. This time, the issues were approved by nearly a 4-1 margin.

That's quite a turnaround.

They did it with tried and true methods, too. Concerned citizens got together to convince their neighbors about the importance of the two issues – which would have had a \$4 million impact on the budget, had they been rejected. They talked about the merits of the services the township provides and they talked about the quality of life.

The result was a strong showing at the polls in the terms of the number of voters, and a strong show of support for the way the township public safety departments work. That's good for the whole community, given that the city and township share dispatch and fire services, too.

It's encouraging to see residents come out and support the community when that support is needed, too.

It also shows something that we've suspected all along: an informed voter usually makes the right decision.

A question for the voters

It's easy to see that every community in western Wayne County has substantial road needs.

Just look around.

It also doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that there won't be enough money to go around, either; at least if area municipalities are holding out for funds from the state, county or the federal government – notwithstanding the efforts of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), who brought a sizable sum to his district.

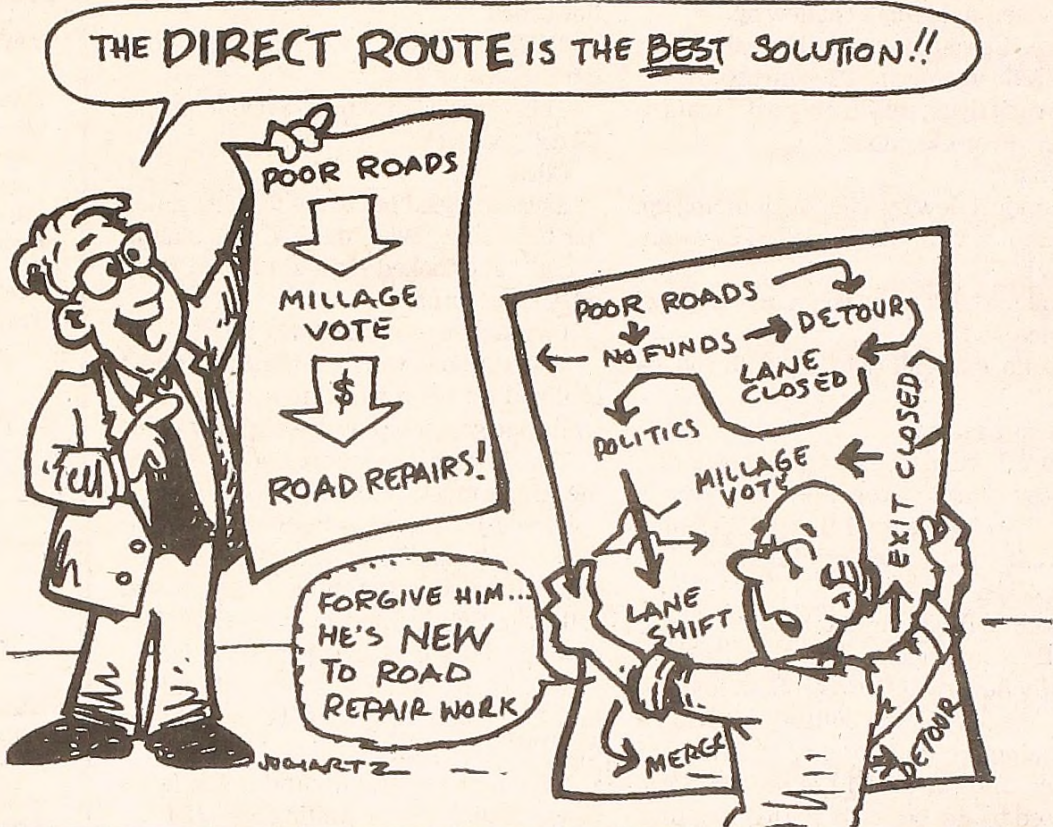
The economy stinks, quite frankly, and budgets are shrinking everywhere. State and county officials have increasingly pushed the burden back on the local municipalities – from cities to townships to school districts – and that will eventually be the case for road repairs, too. The county budget for roadwork is so strapped, for example, that the county no longer picks up roadkill.

The municipalities themselves only have so much money available, of course. They've been making room for other things they shouldn't have to pay for – or at least should have more money to pay with. That means the work will eventually come down to taxpayers, either through increased millage rates or perhaps even a dedicated road millage.

That's the situation in the City of Wayne, although officials there haven't exactly come out and said it, or made a decision to put it on the ballot. They know how much it will cost to fix all the streets – about \$15 million – and they know they don't have that much money lying around. They even have a plan in the works to address all road needs, but one that so far lacks a funding mechanism.

One can understand why they haven't gone full bore in pushing for a road millage, though. They're difficult issues to get voters to approve. The roads are used by everyone, but there's the perception that, since we're all paying taxes, we shouldn't have to pay another one to fix the streets, too. There's also the argument that it's difficult to convince a tax payer to pay \$50 or \$60 a year to fix the roads when the street in front of his or her home won't be touched for 10 years – or has already been completed. It's also an election year in Wayne, although the only contested race is for the mayoral spot. Nobody likes to ask for

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Doing the right thing for all

I'm not a business owner, and I don't know how successful I'd be at it, either.

I had that epiphany recently when I realized that part of my nature is to be more concerned with things other than the bottom line. I would look at a potential location for my dream store and envision how I would transform it, without really factoring in what the underlying cost would be. Anyone who has listened to me ramble about how I want to turn the Jamison Block building on Michigan Avenue into an independent book store can attest to that.

I guess I don't understand, though, the thought behind keeping costs down as much as possible when it adversely impacts the community. Isn't it better to spend a little extra, make something more attractive and improve your surroundings?

That's why I was glad that the Westland City Council didn't back down on their desire to have an all brick building replace the portion of a retail development torn down recently. The new development, at the corner of Wayne and Ford Road, will feature an expansion of the mall, too, as well as an expansion of the Harlow Tire business just south of the site.

The developers had wanted to use brick on three sides, with a gray block on the back. After all, who would see the back?

Well, the residents who live back there, for one. Many of them have decks that already look onto a

less-than ideal setting: a brick wall that separates them from the retail developments.

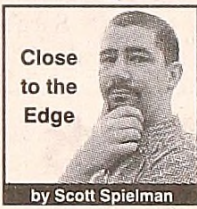
It would be a shame, though, to compromise on a project like this. That's a busy corner. It's a prominent corner. Mast lights, brick pavers – the real kind, not the dyed concrete – decorative walls and flowers were recently installed and planted, respectively. Why take away from that.

Actually, I'm surprised the developer wanted to keep the section of the mall that once housed a Kroger Grocery Store and now is home to a Big Lots. It's going to look a little silly wedged in between the two new phases of retail space. My dad actually had a term for that, but I can only print the first portion of the two-word phrase: half-...

OK, so an all-brick structure will cost more money. It'll be worth it. It'll look nicer, command better tenants, and perhaps even more rent. The few thousand the developer will have to spend will not be lost; it will be repaid, eventually.

In the meantime, the corner is worth the additional investment. It validates what city and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) officials are trying to accomplish along the roadway. Isn't it better to sit back and say: 'I could have scrimped a little on the back, but I didn't.'

It would be for me and it certainly is for Westland.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

What I've learned on the job so far

I've been covering the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township for about 10 months now, so when I get my year in, I AM OUT!!! Just kiddin'.

Having begun my professional career less than a year ago; there are a lot of things I've learned in this somewhat short time.

Here are a few:

If it wasn't for traffic jams, stoplights, and those long CSX trains, some days wouldn't allow time for breakfast, lunch, dinner or the occasional midnight snack.

After dealing with school, city and township officials, surprisingly, the ones who have to deal with children all the time seem to always have smiles on their face.

With all the condos going up all over, there won't be any trees in western Wayne County by the time you read this.

The Plymouth community is one of few I've gone to where people still speak to one another even if they don't know each other. I think other communities should adopt this practice.

If anyone ever wants to know the ins-and-outs of Disney World, schedule some time to meet with

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok.

Reporters are the only people I know who can take a "lunch break," get in nine holes at a par-3 course, and still make deadline.

Even though they have other professions, city commissioners, township trustees and board of education members are all very passionate about their "side jobs."

It's a good idea to have a sandwich from Jimmy John's or Harvey's Deli.

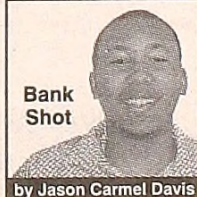
It's a bad idea to eat a sandwich from Jimmy John's or Harvey's Deli when you're rushing to a city commission meeting. Oil and vinegar don't come out as easily as I thought.

I want to take in a good flick at The Penn Theatre.

It was fun, but the Fourth of July parade started too early for me. I haven't seen 7:30 a.m. since Spanish 342 my senior year at MSU.

Even in the dead of winter, ColdStone ice cream is the best stuff in the world.

I need a vacation.



Bank Shot

by Jason Carmel Davis

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Flying cats and butterflies

Sitting at my desk, talking on the phone, I was staring out of the sliding glass doors in front of me. There's a bank of flowers, grass and trees. I was almost to a hypnotic state, when suddenly a cat flew by.

Sara, the younger of my two calico cats, literally flew by maybe 3 feet in the air.

"I've got flying cats in my yard," I said to the person on the phone.

"What?"

"Sara just flew by. Not just jumping up, I mean, it was like a propelled-by-a-cannon fly by."

"Call me back when you're not so busy," the voice said.

"No, no, that's all right, I'm with you, go ahead."

"As, I was saying."

It was hard to focus because now, I didn't know what to expect outside. This is better than television, I thought, listening to the caller but watching closely, waiting, anticipating.

Another finch landed on the feeder, Sara flew into action. From nowhere, a butterfly flew right between Sara and the finch. Image what the butterfly was thinking seeing a cat coming at it. The bird chirped and flared off the feeder. Sara, confused by the butterfly started swatting, but didn't seem to know at what—the bird or butterfly. Sara's flight plan quickly went bad. With all of her mid-air gyrations, she

had thrown her balance off and was now in "May Day" status as she crashed into the flowerbed.

"HEY!" I yelled. "Get out of my flowers."

There was silence on the phone, then, "I'll call you back."

Click.

Sara struggled out of the flowers, shook her head like, "What the hell was that all about?" and looked right at me and started licking her paw.

I walked out onto the patio.

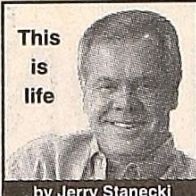
The sun was warm, embracing and I realized I'd been working way too hard while one gorgeous day was slipping away.

I sat down on the lounge and listened to the wind's music in the leaves of the giant oak trees. I watched as Bouncer, my other Calico—who had been watching the young Sara do her hunting thing—stretch and roll over. She wanted me to scratch her tummy. I did; she meowed appreciatively.

Life is stress filled, so it's difficult at times to be quiet enough to be available to the gifts of each day.

Sara now lay quietly under the ferns near the bird feeder waiting for what the universe would next present.

Is it time to see what the universe is offering you?



This is life
by Jerry Stanecki

Roads

FROM PAGE 6

a tax increase during an election year, either:

Still, the road situation isn't going to get

any better. The funds aren't going to magically appear, and the residents deserve the chance to decide the fate of their roads sooner, rather than later.

We know they're bad; we drive on them, too. Finalize the priorities, decide how much it will cost, and let the people decide. It doesn't make sense to wait.

LETTERS

Resident thanks safety workers

To the editor;

I am a Plymouth Township resident who would like to thank you for your part in helping to get the word out about the millage renewal and increase on Aug. 2, 2005.

The voters overwhelmingly supported both proposals, and the wide margin had a lot to do with the hard work, dedication, and professionalism that both the fire fighters and police officers have shown here in the community. To those men and women, I would like to say thank you for making Plymouth Township a much safer community in which to live and work.

Our residents have now shown their own appreciation of your performance by the high voter turnout and passage of both proposals. Keep up the good work!

Lynn M. Hetner,
Plymouth

Coordinator thanks sponsors, public

To the editor:

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all those who attended the Sizzlin' Summer Nights Concert Series and Tunes and Noon (Kid's concerts). We would also like to thank our sponsors, Belleville Vision Center, EQ, Wade-Trim and Waste Management.

Look for more family events in the Fall Recreation Brochure coming soon. To be added to our brochure mailing list, please call (734) 699-8921.

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Victorian dress is lecture topic

Karen Mehaffey, owner of The Moss Rose in downtown Northville, is something of an authority on 19th century fashion.

She's researched it, written about it, and even worn it. She'll share some of that knowledge with visitors to the Northville District Library Monday night in honor of the upcoming Victorian Festival.

Before opening the store, Mehaffey said that she worked as a library director. In her free time, she has published a book and a booklet on women in the Civil War. Two more books are in the works.

"My husband and I were Civil War re-enactors for 18 years," she said. "We had a Civil War wedding. We actually met at a re-enactment."

Mehaffey, who has lectured on 19th century history in the past, said that the request from the library to give a presentation on Victorian fashion was a welcome diversion. "We'll be talking about reality versus the fashion plate," said Mehaffey.

She said that just as modern designers tend to parade more elaborate or outrageous clothing down the runways than most people would wear in real life,



Clothes such as these, worn last year during the Victorian Festival, will be the topic of a lecture Monday night at the Northville Library by author Karen Mehaffey.

the outfits shown in Victorian era fashion illustrations also tended to be glamorized beyond the limits of practicality for most people. Photographs from the period are better sources for information on what people actually wore, she said.

She said that she hopes that the discussion and the period periodicals, clothing, and possibly clothing she plans to bring with her will help dispel the myths surrounding Victorian style.

She and her husband have been actively involved in trying to bring more mid-19th century events back to the Victorian Festival since they moved to

Northville. Mehaffey said that she hopes that this lecture will do just that – and help spark an interest in similar programs.

"I hope this to be the first of a variety of topics on mid-19th century history," she said.

The discussion, which will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, will include fashions for men, women, and children.

The Northville District Library is located at 212 West Cady St., one block west of Center Street. There is no charge for the program, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020.

Help wanted

Police seeking volunteers for emergency response team

Scott Spielman
Editor

During an emergency situation, it's human nature for people to want to help others, even if the don't necessarily know how.

The Northville Township Police Department wants to give volunteers that knowledge that will allow them to help their families, their neighbors and their communities during emergencies large and small.

They're forming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and they're looking for volunteers, according to Sgt. Matt Mayes, one of the two police coordinators of the new program.

"It's a federally based program," he said. "We try to put them (the volunteers) in non-dangerous situations.

Through a 10-week program, volunteers learn a wide variety of things that are useful in hectic situations like earthquakes, tornadoes, major fires or terrorist attacks. Township police first thought about implementing the program after the blackouts a year ago – when no electronic equipment was working, including the department cell phones.

"We could've used volunteers to help us in the lobby, giving out

water or directions," Mayes said.

Applications for the CERT program are at the Northville Police Station on Six Mile Road and can also be downloaded from the township web site: www.twp.Northville.mi.us. Volunteers just have to submit an application and agree to a background check. Anyone older than 18 can take part.

Topics change every week, beginning with disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations light search and rescue operations and terrorism. They'll learn practical information such as how to administer basic first aid, working with traumatized people, what to do – and not to do – during emergencies and more.

"It's a lot of good stuff to learn for day-to-day life," Mayes said.

Mayes said the department is looking for people with professional expertise – engineers, electricians and so on – as well as residents who just want to help out.

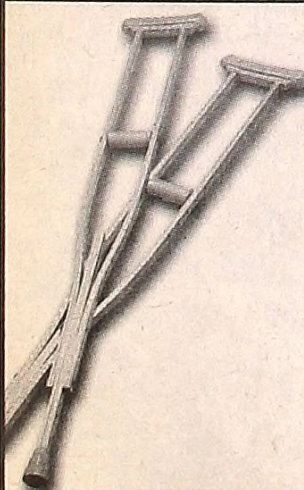
"We're looking for people from all walks of life," he said. "Hopefully we'll get a good range of people."

For more information, visit the township web site or call Mayes or Ofc. Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400.



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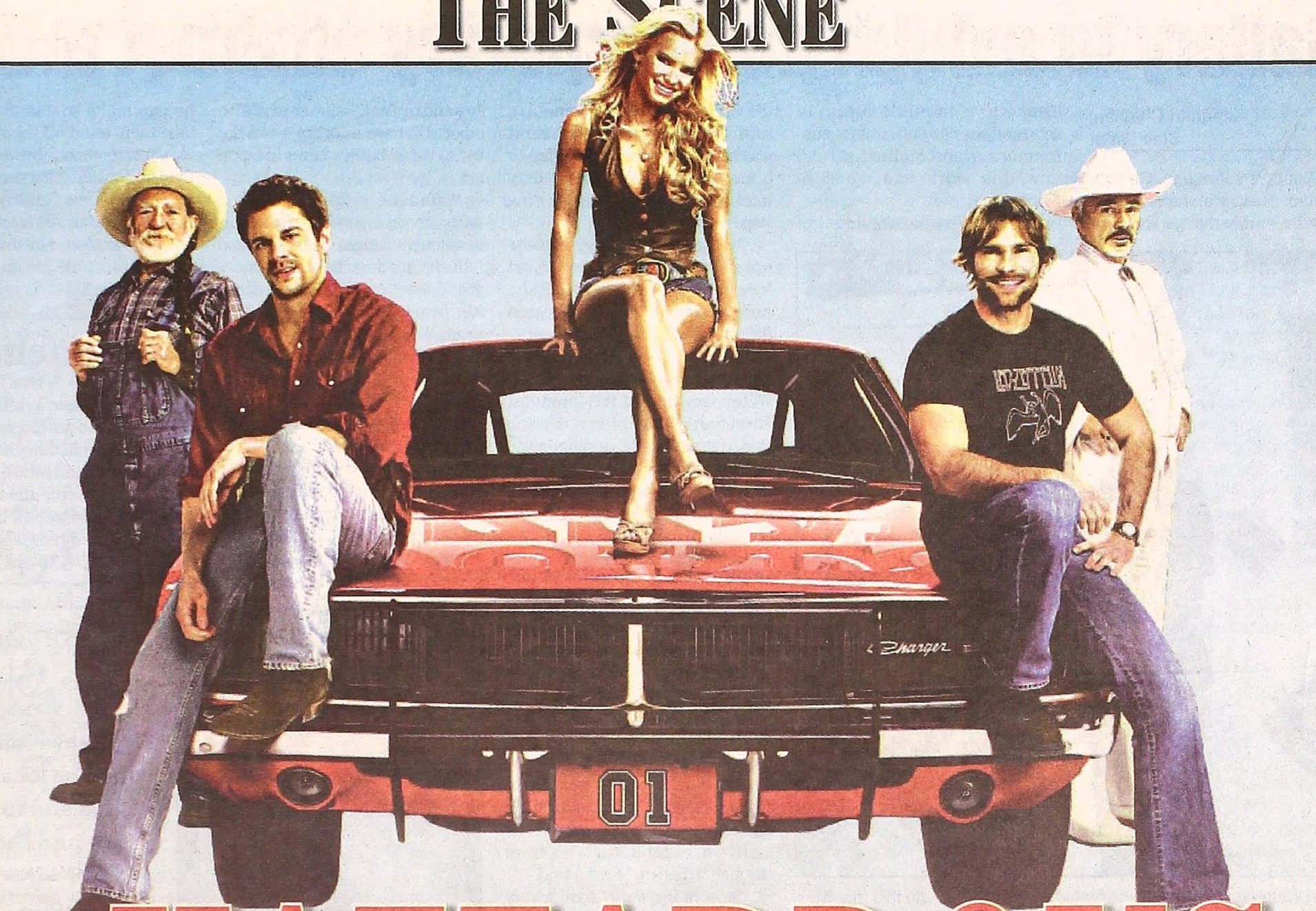
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THE SCENE



HAZZARDOUS WASTE

Dukes is waste of time and money

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

CAUTION: product may be 'hazardous' to your health; may cause dizziness; and may cause upset stomach. For your protection do not watch—at all costs.

That's the warning that should precede the opening credits of the big screen adaptation of *The Dukes of Hazzard*.

Just when I thought that *Starsky and Hutch* was the worst television-to-big-screen movie ever made, along comes the "good ole boys" flying through the frame in "The General Lee." Yeeehah!!! About 10 minutes into this latest less-than-mediocre effort from Hollywood, I decided that it would have been better to just light my \$10 bill on fire, douse myself

in popcorn butter and coat the bottom of my shoes with Coca-Cola because that's about all I really got out of it. But, as I've said before, this appears to be the latest trend from the 'Wood—a sticky mess that's not worth the effort.

I'll be honest. I tried to find another movie, anything, that started this weekend. I debated driving 45 minutes to the nearest art house to see an independent film made with passion and vision—which, in the long run, I should have done. But I paid for convenience and this is what I got for it.

The first thing wrong with *The Dukes of Hazzard*, based off the television series of the same name that aired from 1979-85, is that it makes Bo (Sean William Scott) and Luke (Johnny Knoxville) Duke out to be a couple of goofball idiots rather than a couple of 'good ole boys' as they're supposed to be. But what should one really expect from Knoxville, whose claim to fame his ridiculously idiotic MTV show "Jackass?" And don't forget Scott's climb up the ladder, which includes the *American Pie* trilogy, *Dude Where's My Car* and *Bulletproof Monk*. Enough said.

Then they cast pop-singer and unproven actress Jessica Simpson as Bo

and Luke's beautiful cousin Daisy Duke. Simpson, a blonde, dons the all-too short shorts that Catherine Bach, a brunette, made so very popular in the early 80s. Although Simpson looks good in the shorts that earned the character's name back in the show's heyday, it's not the same.

And if my memory serves me correctly Hazzard County Commissioner Boss Hogg was a short, balding, pinkish man—fitting for the name Hogg—in the television series. The movie casts a taller, slimmer Burt Reynolds. Somehow, the character loses some of its effect by this casting.

The movie is set in present day and follows the adventures of Bo and Luke as their days of running moonshine for Daisy and the always-joking Uncle Jesse (Willie Nelson) are interrupted when Dukes' farm is confiscated by Boss Hogg on bogus charges.

Using ludicrous investigative techniques, Bo and Luke discover that Boss Hogg wants to mine out the Dukes' and several other farms for coal, turning Hazzard County into nothing more than a giant pit.

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THE SCENE

Gallery to exhibit contemporary abstract artist

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

About 18 years ago, Georgia resident Masa Watanabe experienced a sudden urge to paint.

That whim catapulted him to international attention as a contemporary abstract artist, and now, his work has come to Northville.

Sherrie Mewha, president of

the Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, said that the Watanabe exhibit was something she had hoped to bring to fruition since the gallery itself was still in the planning stages.

"We have a lot of very contemporary, very sophisticated art lovers here in Northville," she said. "I thought it would be a good fit."

The exhibit, which opened on Aug. 5, features 21 pieces by Watanabe. One of the strongest attractions of the pieces, Mewha said, is their deceptive simplicity.

"His colors are very bold (and) he uses a very minimalist, clean sharp line in his pieces," she said. "It's got a real strength to it - it's definitely statement art."

According to Mewha, the success of the brightly colored paintings came as no surprise to those who had met him.

"He's kind of considered a renaissance man," she said. "He's just had a wide range of proficiencies." Watanabe has succeeded at virtually everything he has tried - from serving as a police officer in his homeland of Japan to work in radio, theater, and movies.

His background also shows through in his art, Mewha said.

"Most of his works have a very

Japanese feel," she said. "The other still have a sort of Asian flavor to them, but it's more like pop art."

Watanabe said his art has a fairly strong following, particularly among business executives and industry leaders, but his primary goal doesn't revolve around courting prestige. His life revolves around his family, not his paintings. It is not unusual, he said, for a painting to go untouched for months when he has the opportunity to spend time with his wife and children instead.

When he does have time to paint, he said that he tries to paint 'happy things' - positive images that can help combat the impact of the negative events taking place around the world. He said that if

he can make someone smile or take their mind off their troubles for a few moments through his art, then he considers it a success.

The Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is located at 109 North Center St. in downtown Northville. The exhibition will be on display through Aug. 31.



Masa Watanabe will be exhibiting his works in Northville this month.

Dukes

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To distract the residents in the county, the commissioner schedules a public hearing at the same time of the Hazzard Race, the biggest event in the county. Boss figures if no one shows up to protest, he can move along with his mining plans.

Bo and Luke literally race to save the county while constantly eluding the witless sheriff Roscoe P. Coltrane (M.C. Gainey) and his crew in "The General Lee," the famed orange 1969 Dodge Charger.

OK, I did have preconceived notions about how bad the movie could be. It's not my fault that I was proven right. It's funny how a movie is probably the only thing I can gamble on; be right; and still lose money.

Unfortunately I was one of the patrons that helped the movie earn more than \$30 million in the first weekend to top the box office. I think the only reason it's sitting pretty is because it was the only movie to open nationwide.

I can't help but wonder why.

With four scheduled for this coming weekend,

what were the producers of *Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo*, *Four Brothers*, *The Great Raid* and *The Skeleton Key* thinking, not going up against the Dukes?

Were they really afraid the good old boys would win that race, too? I'm sure whoever would have opened up in the opposite corner would have been a sure-fire winner—even *Deuce Bigalow*. If they thought they couldn't go up against the Dukes, I'm not sure I'll have much faith in them come this weekend.

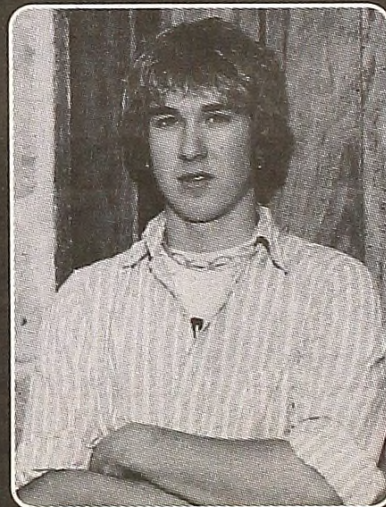
The one thing about the Duke boys—no matter what, they always found a little room left to push down on the gas pedal just a little more to come out ahead. It makes you wonder why they just didn't go full throttle the entire time.

Hopefully the movie industry can keep their pedal to the medal and put out something better before going to the movies becomes 'hazardous' to us all.

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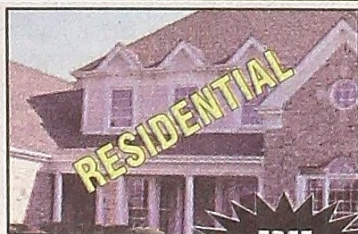
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THE SCENE

Cherry Hill Invitational draws local artists

Scott Spielman
Editor

After 30 years, Canton Township resident John Middlestead is returning to his youthful dreams.

Middlestead, a manager of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with DTE Energy, said he's returning to his one of his life-long passions as he nears retirement age: landscape photography.

"What it is, is a transition for me from a job I've had for 30 years," he said.

Middlestead has long been interested in photography. He took courses in the field when he pursued a bachelor's of fine arts degree from Michigan State University. At the time, his goal was to be an industrial designer but life, as he puts it, got in the

way.

His passion for photography never completely left him, though, nor did his interest in the unique patterns and shapes in nature. With Ansel Adams as inspiration and noted photographers like Monte Nagler — a student of Adams' — as well as Doug Johnson, Elizabeth Stone, David Middleton and Tim Cooper from the Rocky Mountain School of Photography, he gradually perfected his art. During the last two years, he said, his desire to work exclusively as a photographer has increased.

Middlestead is one of about 50 artists that will take part in the Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair when it returns for the second year next month. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 10-11 around the historic Cherry Hill Schoolhouse in

Cherry Hill Village. That's at the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, across the street from the one-room schoolhouse that will be celebrating its first birthday, too.

Middlestead took part in the inaugural event last year, too.

"It's a great event because of its small size," he said. "It's a nice environment."

He's taken part in larger events, like Plymouth's Art in the Park, but said they can be a bit overwhelming — for artists and patrons, alike.

Middlestead works in both color and black and white, in large scenes and through macro-close-ups of flowers.

"They're the details of the grand scheme," he said.

He's traveled to places as diverse as the Canadian Rockies

to the Oregon coast and Georgia to capture the image. He's just returned from a trip along the western Michigan coast — new images will be available at the Canton fair — and is scheduled to take a fall trip capturing the colors of New Hampshire.

Middlestead is one of several artists returning to the Cherry Hill Invitational. John Davio, who creates children's books about Michigan, will return, as well Elizabeth Walther of Plymouth, with her intricate beaded jewelry.

Newcomers will bring a variety of products from stained glass, turquoise jewelry, pottery, fused glass works and more.

The emphasis is on the quality of works, rather than the quantity of artists at the juried show, according to Joyce Murphy, one of the coordinators of the event. Nothing pre-manufactured or

mass produced will be found there.

This year will feature something new for children, she said, a Watercolor with the Masters workshop will teach youngsters how to paint like Claude Monet. The workshops will take place from 10:30-11:30 and 1-3 p.m. on Saturday and from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday and be run by Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Art Studios in Canton.

The event will feature other local connections, too. Christopher Bocklage, husband of Canton Planner Judy Bocklage, is one of the jurors for the show, Murphy said. A professional artist in his own right, he is also an art instructor at Eastern Michigan University.

"He'll also be judging for cash prizes on the day of the show," she said.

First 'Chalk It Up Festival' set for Heritage Park Aug. 20

Scott Spielman
Editor

Chalk the newest event in Canton Township up to persistence.

That's what Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studios in Canton, said it took to bring the first Chalk it Up Festival to Heritage Park.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 20, and transform the walkways through the park into myriad works of art.

She and her students will run the event, which will bring artists of all different skill levels to ply their trade on the smooth asphalt behind the Canton Administration building.

It's a growing phenomenon, she said, and travelers to the Art in the Park shows in Plymouth during the past two years may have seen an example: the studio colored in gigantic murals there at the corner of Main Street and Penniman Avenue.

"Ever since we started doing them there I kept bringing it up that it would fit in nice here," said Dillenbeck, who is also on the Cultural Arts Commission and the Public Art Committee for the township.

It works like this: anyone who wants to get involved can register and create a 3-foot by 5-foot rendering on the pathways. Her art students will also be creating larger murals nearby; they've got something planned from the stable of Norman Rockwell works. For

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It's pure entertainment."

the cost of registration, everyone gets an ample supply of chalk, she said.

"We're not doing this as a money-maker," she said. "We're doing this for the love of public art."

Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the works of art take shape. It's a temporary thing, of course, because any serious rainstorm will wash it all away.

It's perfectly acceptable — and recommended — for artists to bring reference material with them. The chalk artwork will be judged on a variety of aspects, including creativity and faithfulness to original works.

"Traditionally, in chalk art festivals in Italy, they're copying the masters," Dillenbeck said.

The cost is \$10 for pros — artists older than 12 years — but there will also be a kids' section, the Chalk Yard, also known as a nearby playscape. For \$2, children will get a box of chalk and help create artwork there.

Bob Dates, parks and recreation supervisor for Canton Township, said there would be other things going on throughout the day, too, like entertainment and refreshment sales.

"Hopefully, we'll create a nice day in the park," he said. "We're hoping to make this an annual event."

Dillenbeck said she's already excited

about the day-long art event, because it's been successful in communities like Rochester Hills. It has drawn a crowd at Art in the Park during the last two years, too.

"It's something new for Canton," she said. "It's real public art. Everyone can get excited about it. It's pure entertainment."

Heritage Park is located off Canton Center Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill roads. To register, call the leisure services department at (734) 394-5460.



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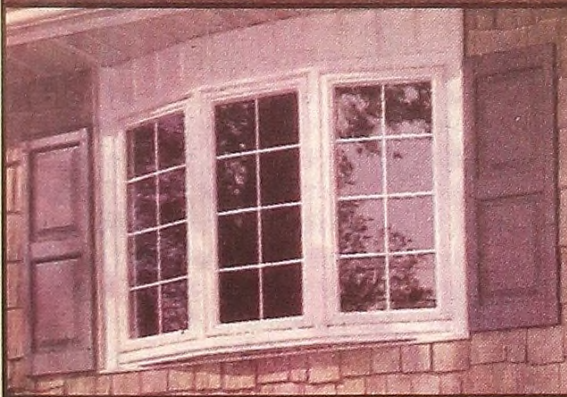
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SPORTS

Hockman to lead 'Stangs with experience

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville High School will have a lot of new faces on the sideline this fall when the Mustangs take to the gridiron.

One of the more prominent figures will be new head coach Ryan Hockman.

This will be the 36-year-old Royal Oak resident's first year at the high school, where he will also teach English.

Last year, Hockman led the Clarenceville Trojans to a 7-3 record in his first year at the school. But he brings a lot more experience to the table than that.

"I think I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge for football," Hockman said. "I was

able to bring some excellent coaches with me—an outstanding coaching staff. I hope to continue success and continue building character here. There's a great group of kids here."

Before he took on high school football he held some pretty impressive jobs at the college level. At Eastern Michigan University, he was the director of football operations. He spent time as an assistant coach at both Bowling Green University in Ohio and Nicholls State University in Louisiana.

He also spent time working in the German football league's youth development program and helped set up other national federation leagues.

So why turn to high school



The new Northville head varsity football coach, Ryan Hockman (far left), runs his players through drills during the first practice of the season on Monday.

after those exciting experiences? "I think it's more conducive to

a family lifestyle," he said. "I enjoy the high school game and I'm able to teach—something that I wasn't able to do at the other jobs."

He earned his teaching degree from the University of Kentucky, where he played quarterback for the Wildcats. He made the Academic All-SEC with a 3.10 grade point average.

Before that he played quarterback for four years at Harrison High School in Cincinnati, OH under his father who was the head coach at that time. Although for most it would be tough playing for their father, it wasn't for Hockman.

"It wasn't difficult at all," he said. "He's probably one of the best coaches I've ever been with"

Hockman took the Trojans to a winning record last year. But this year with Northville he'll have the likes of Wayne, John Glenn, Walled Lake Western and league champs Canton to deal with in the ultra competitive Western Lakes Activities Association

(WLAA). He'll also have to face off against Novi—the team that knocked Canton out of the state tournament last year—in the team's season finale.

"It's a very quality league," he said. "We're going to have our hands full every week."

Northville will kick off their season at noon at the Big Day Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan on Sat., Aug. 27.

But it's not the schedule and it's not the complications sometimes associated with implementing a new system that concerns Hockman—it's youth. From last year he will only have one offensive player return with four defensive players.

"We're going to be very young," he said. "I'm excited to see what kind of football players we have. I want to see if they're players or pretenders."

Practice started Monday and he'll have a chance to evaluate.

With the season edging closer he said, like all coaches gearing up for the fall season, he's just excited to get going.



Mustang varsity players rest on the sideline during practice on Monday.

Lady Zebra hoopsters get new head coach, familiar face

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Kris Barrett has spent most of her life in the Wayne-Westland area and should feel right at home when the Wayne Memorial Zebras girls' basketball team hits the court in a couple of weeks.

She recently took over the head coach job on a team that won only three games last year, but she doesn't appear to be nervous.

"I really like the girls program," she said. "I want to build it up because they've had a couple of rough years."

Barrett, in her prime at 40, has already gained 20 years of coaching experience.

She started coaching early on in her career. At 20 she jumped in the mix right away, coaching basketball at Adams Middle

School. She said having coached at the middle school level should be an advantage because she will already know some of the girls she'll be coaching on the high school team.

"It's an advantage for me and for the girls," she said. "It will also be an advantage for the parents. It always helps when they already know you."

Later she coached track at Stevenson Middle School, junior varsity basketball at John Glenn High School and was an assistant swim coach at Garden City High School.

She and her husband, Andy, also started Right Start, a basketball program for 6-8 year olds in the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

But her experience in Wayne goes back further. She started swimming for the Wayne

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Kris Barrett

Dolphins at the age of five. She continued through elementary and junior high and then made the swim team at John Glenn.

She had a chance to swim at the next level, earning a scholarship at Woodyear College in Southern California, but passed it up to stay close to home, she said. She went on and earned an associate degree in child devel-

opment from the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Her history in the Wayne-Westland school district goes even further back—a generation, in fact. Both her parents were students at Wayne Memorial. Her mother was a cheerleader and her father played basketball for the school.

So she'll be a familiar face looking at familiar faces in the crowds but it won't necessarily make the job easier. She has to take a shrinking program that won just three games last year and try and turn it around. She hopes her coaching ideology will do just that.

"Discipline and respect are my biggest things," she said. "I want the girls to learn and respect the game but also have fun. Schoolwork is also very important to me. Education is

what the girls need to make it to the next level."

Official tryouts and practices don't start until Aug. 15 so she'll be entering her new endeavor blind. Plus she lost four players to graduation last year and one transferred, leaving her with just four returnees with experience.

"I don't know what I'm going to have to work with," she said. "I do know that the girls I coached at the middle school are very hard workers and hustlers."

"It's going to be a rebuilding year," she added. "I want to improve from last year and I think we'll do fairly well. I have high expectations."

The Lady Zebras tip the season off against Annapolis at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Their home opener will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 against Taylor Kennedy.

SPORTS

It's football time

There's nothing like the smell of the fresh cut grass—rubber if it's the new field turf—and the smell of the blood, sweat and tears that accompanies it.

Grass stained elbows, eager dirty faces beaded with sweat, the scorching sun, yelling coaches and practice field sidelines littered with empty water bottles and cups are all signs that that something big is going to happen soon.

What could it be?

Well, tighten your shoelaces, strap on your helmet and check to make sure you're wearing a cup because football is about to get kicked into full gear.

This past weekend the National Football League (NFL) started their painfully boring pre-season with a game in Japan on Saturday (Sunday there) and Monday Night Football made its 2005 season debut. Yeah, it's also exciting knowing that this Super Bowl will be hosted in Detroit. And the Lions, in their own minds, have made strides to be a "contender." It's not likely, but it is thrilling to think so.

But what I'm talking about is much better:

I'm not talking about NCAA football either. Even though we all can't wait to see the Wolverines kick the snot out of the Spartans again, I'm still thinking bigger.

I'm talking about wide-eyed youngsters trying to impress coaches and make the roster of their high school football teams with the promise of playing with heart and soul if they make it.

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If you think about it, high school football is probably the last pure form of the sport. Really.

High school players are out on the gridiron freewheeling it for the sake of the game, not big contracts or endorsements. Pros are too whiney and wimpy. And once they sign that pro contract the love of the game becomes a business. The same goes for the college athletes. Some would rather bypass as many as two years to play at the pro level with dollar signs in their eyes.

Not in high school. There, players play to earn the respect of their peers, to impress the girl next door and to become something in their parents' eyes. But most of all they play for the love of the game. That's what I hope anyway.

So, from the very first kick off to when Canton gets booted out of the regional playoffs, look for me—I'll be in the cheap seats.



The Detroit Arsenal soccer team celebrates winning the NPSA National Championship after they defeated the Sonoma County Sol, 1-0, in double overtime in Santa Rosa, Cal.

Arsenal wins National Championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took nearly two complete overtime periods, but the Detroit Arsenal pulled out a 1-0 victory over the Sonoma County Sol recently to capture the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) National Championship.

The Arsenal includes local talent such as Rodrigo Gonzales, a coach for the Canton Soccer Club and Kevin Savitskie, a former player for Salem High School. Both traveled to Santa Rosa California to help the team prevail.

Detroit's general manager, Raad Sana, described the play as a physically tough defensive game. He said goalies on both ends made terrific saves to keep their teams in it, too.

At first it was a stalemate, 0-0, game after regulation time expired at Ernie Nevers Field at Santa Rosa High School. But 10 minutes into the second 15-minute overtime period Detroit's leading scorer, Ablaye Camara, originally from Ghana, shot the ball inside the left post for the win.

After the Arsenal fired two shots that glanced off the post earlier in the game, Camara eluded defender after defender until he made it into the goal box and fired the shot that crowned his team champions, according to Sana.

Detroit goalie Alex Lubyansky, originally from the Ukraine, was awarded MVP honors for his outstanding play in net.

The championship was the exclamation point at the end of a storied season. This was the Arsenal's first year in the NPSL. They went undefeated (10-0-2) to win the Midwest Division title and won nationals by being the best defensive team in the league, allowing the fewest goals (10) and as the best offense team, scoring the most goals (42) in the league.

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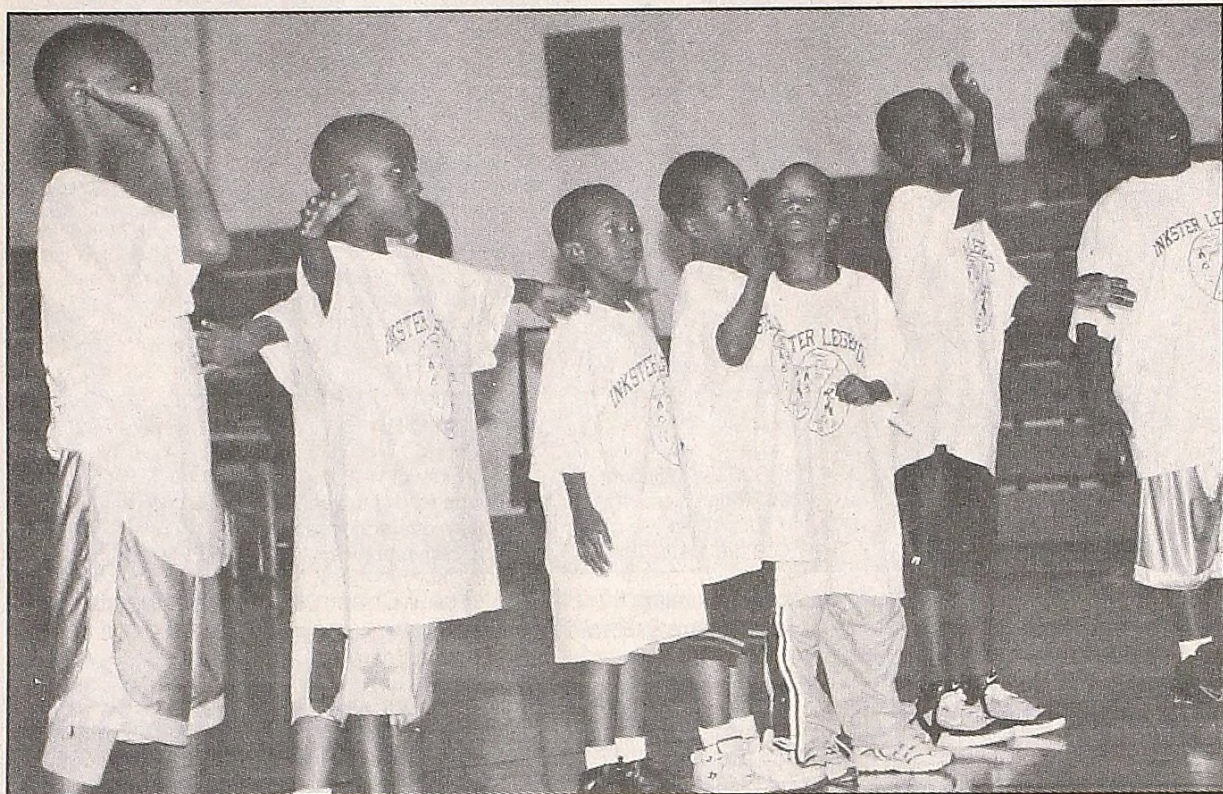
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The Inkster Legends Basketball Camp allowed children between the ages of 8-15 to enjoy learning the fundamentals of the game from some of the area's top coaches and special guests on Friday.

Fred Smiley, the camp's director, was on hand along with several of his former Inkster High School teammates back from 1962-64.

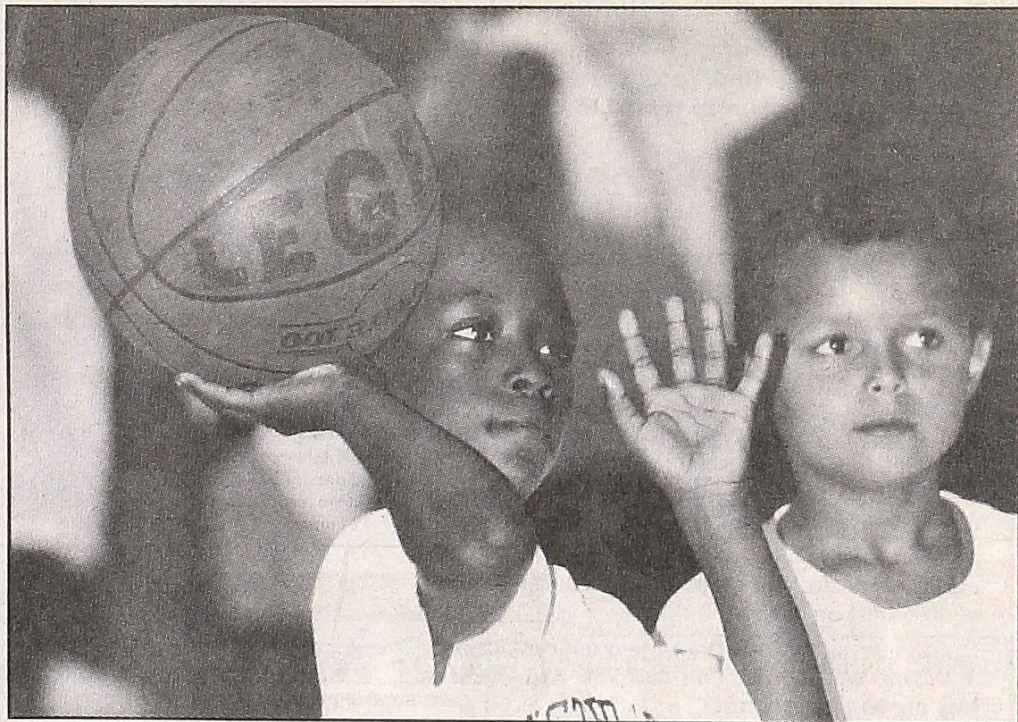
Also joining the mix was Robichaud High School girls' varsity coach Warren Woods, and the Detroit Pros owner, manager and sometimes player and coach Darrell Greene. Herb Buckley, Romulus' director of Department of Parks and Recreation,

was also there to help out.

On Saturday the Legends hosted a banquet for the kids and families. There, George Blaha, the Detroit Pistons play-by-play announcer was expected to make a showing along with the special guest speaker NBA star Dave Bing. Past guests included former Piston Rick Mahorn and NBA great Spence Haywood.

The best part about the weekend is that it was free for the kids to participate, including food and t-shirts.

"Our goal is to give back to the community," Smiley said. "We want to give the kids something better than any program that they would have to pay for, for free."



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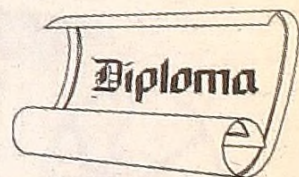
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58. Garage and Yard Sales

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Rawsonville Rd.
Enter subdivision on
Capitol Dr.
Aug. 11, 12 & 13
9:00am - 2:00pm

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Garage Sale
42949 Barchester
Aug. 11 & 12
10:00am - 5:00pm
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Wayne
4 Large Garage Sales
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Aug. 12-13-14
9:00am - 5:00pm

59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given
that on 8/25/05 at 1:30pm,
the following will be sold
by competitive bidding at:

The Storroom Self Storage
40600 Michigan Avenue.,
Canton, MI:

Unit# 1201-Timothy
Herman: 1 Household
furnishings,
5 Misc. boxes/bags,
1 Recreational equipment,
35 Other misc. items

Unit #504-James Finch: 2
Misc. small appliances,
2 Household furnishings,
10 Misc. boxes/bags,
5 Toys, 5 Recreational
equipment,
10 Other misc. items

Unit #844-Thomas Boyd:
10 Household furnishings,
5 Misc. boxes/bags,
25 Other misc. items

Notice of Public Sale. On
Thursday Sept. 8, 2005 at
11:00 AM,
U-Store-It
28266 Ecorse Road
Romulus, MI 48174 with
reserve, will sell by the unit
to the highest bidder by
CASH all rights, title and
interest to the following
property of:

P7 Wardell Johnson III:
1977 Oldsmobile;

B4 Mary Ann Kaloz: 1995
Saturn;

A21 Kia Byers: Barbells,
chair, pictures;

A36 Evan Carlyle Marion:
Piano, bags, boxes, misc.;

C50 Jeffrey David Coutu:
Clothing, chairs, waterbed
frame

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION

On AUGUST 16, 2005 the
Westland Police
Department will conduct
public auctions of
impounded abandoned
vehicles. The first auction
will begin promptly at
10:00am at Westland
Service Towing, 37501
Cherry Hill, Westland, MI,
County of Wayne, where
the following vehicles will
be offered for sale to the

highest bidder:
Shorelander
Trlr W/Boat White
MC #8763-LL
Ford F-100
PKTrk White
F10HK061357
1968 Chevy Impala
2 Dr Blue/Rust
164878D140196
1980 Chevy Monza
2 Dr Yellow
1M07VA7177318
Clipper 500
Boat W/Trlr White
VIN N/A
1996 Ford Escort
StWgn Green
1FASP15J5TW123067
1991 Ford Probe
2 Dr Burgundy
1ZVPT20C1M5103977
1994 Mercury Topaz GS
2 Dr Grey
1MEPM31X2RK643191
1994 Chevy Cavalier
2 Dr Green
1G1JC1449R7320638
1990 Olds Regency
4 Dr White
1G3CW51C0L4343213
1989 Ford T-Bird
2 Dr Blue
1FAPP6245KH147762
1989 Chevy Cavalier
2 Dr Red
1G1JF11W8K7150548
1997 Saturn SL2
2 Dr Gold
1G8ZK5278VZ222260
1996 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Green
1FALP52U9TG253020
1991 Ford T-Bird
2 Dr White
1FAPP6040MH183543
1987 Chevy Blazer
2 Dr Black
1GNEV18K3HF170033

1995 Chevy SportVan
Van Grey
1GBEG25Z3SF236599
1990 Honda Accord
2 Dr Grey
1HGCB7257LA027463
1990 Toyota Camry
4 Dr Burgundy
4T1SV21E5LU249158
1990 Mitsubishi
4 Dr Red
JA3CU26X8LU031090
1995 Pontiac Gr. Prix
4 Dr White
1GZWJ52M2SF217199
The second auction will
begin promptly at 11:00am

at Westland Car Care,
6375 Hix Rd., Westland,
MI, County of Wayne,
where the following vehi-
cles will be offered for sale
to the highest bidder:
1994 Chevy Cavalier
2 Dr White
1G1JC1448R7245852
2002 KIA Spectra
4 Dr Grey
KNAFB121825183943
1996 Toyota Tercel
2 Dr Blue
JT2AC52L3T0146924

1989 Buick Century
4 Dr White
1G4AH51RXK6431240
1991 Mercury Cougar
2 Dr Tan
1MEPM6045MH612838
1990 Mercury Gr. Marquis
4 Dr Black
2MECM75F4LX620362
1988 Olds Delta
4 Dr White
1G3CW51C6J4322427
1993 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Blue
1FACP52U7PG321160

6. Legal Notices

TRINITY ESTATES DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (24) SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOME DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TRINITY ESTATES DEVELOPMENT, INKSTER, MI.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PEOPLE'S
COMMUNITY HOPE FOR HOMES INC., 4075 INKSTER RD.,
INKSTER, MI. 48141 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2005 AT
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COMMUNITY HOPE FOR HOMES, INC. MAIN OFFICE AT THE
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HOMES, INC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL
BIDS.

REV. JOHN D. HEARN, CEO

RETURN ALL RFP PACKAGES TO
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Romulus Community School 39000 Superior Romulus, MI 5:30-7:30pm

Summit Academy High School 18601 Middlebelt, Romulus MI 3:35-5:35pm

Call for Additional Schedule & To Register 734-485-4459

1996 Chevy Cavalier
4 Dr Red
1G1LD55M6TY268124
1993 Ford Crown Vic
4 Dr Green
2FALP74W9PX119344
1992 Cadillac Deville
4 Dr Tan
1G6CD53B5N4245519
1994 Toyota Corolla
4 Dr Red
2T1AE04B4RC049254
1992 Ford T-Bird
2 Dr Tan
1FAPP6047NH102345
1991 Cadillac Deville
4 Dr Blue
1G6CD53B1M4284770
1996 Mercury Mystique
4 Dr Gold
1MELM65L6TK625548
1991 Chevy Cavalier
4 Dr Red
1G1JC54G5M7270346
All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.
30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 unless they are claimed by the owners prior to that time:
1985 Chevy C30
PkTrk Red
1GCHC34M8FJ187189
1980 Ford Mustang
2 Dr. White
0F01F27422
Siren Glass Magic
Boat W/Trlr White
VIN N/A
Ford F250
PkTrk Blue
1F25HLCB4407
1960 VW Karmay Gl
2 Dr Red
VIN N/A
1986 Chevy Caprice
4 Dr White
1G1BN69H8GY130845

60. Misc. Sales

ESTATE SALE
Furniture, glassware,
washer/dryer,
and much more
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Ypsilanti, MI
Aug. 11, 12, 13 & 14
8:00am-8:00pm

61. Misc. Items

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3 Bedroom, 2 bath
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD
JULY 25, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Randolph Gear.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer
Tim Keyes, Community Development Director

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-271

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 11, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Burcroff, Miller.
Motion Carried.

3A. *Deleted General Motors Powertrain-Romulus Engine Tax Abatement Request.

05-272

3B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and grant transfer of ownership of a 2004 B-Hotel licensed business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 8600 Merriman, Romulus, MI 48174 Wayne County, from Grubarges-Romulus, LLC (a Delaware Limited Liability Company), to RIYA Michigan L.L.C reference #276860.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-273

3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendations of the Romulus Police Department and grant a new SDM license to Billnat Corporation, d/b/a Sav-On Drugs, located at 36567 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174, Wayne County, Ref. #280567.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-274

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Matthew McGrane.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

05-275

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of William (Rusty) Brown.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-276

4C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Vera Bonnie Gregory.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-277

5A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to adopt Policy #29, “Smoke-Free Workplace in compliance with Wayne County Clean Indoor Air Regulation adopted in Wayne County March 17, 2005, effective June 15, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-278

5A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt Policy #30, “Social Security Number Privacy Act, requiring employers to take immediate steps to ensure the privacy of employee Social Security numbers, effective January 1, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-279

SB. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with Maria Lambert, DDA Director and adopt a new resolution authorizing the revised MNRTF 2005 Recreation Grant Application, due to an addition error.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-280

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Lynn Conway, Purchasing Coordinator and IT Coordinator Sharon Raftary and award the Onbase portion of Bid 04/05-22 Onbase Software Licensing & Hardware Maintenance Contract to the only bidder, GA Computers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-281

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and award Bid 04/05-11, three (3) year contractual services contract for Security and Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance to the only bidder, Tyco Fire & Security Simplex Grinnell with the two exceptions as indicated for City Hall and the Library.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-282

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to grant approval for emergency purchase and repairs to vehicle #R25 (police cruiser) in the amount of \$2,345 for a re-manufactured engine from Jasper Engines & Transportation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-283

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement for Storm Water Detention/Retention Discharge Restriction system between the City of Romulus and Northline Industrial Center.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-284

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with Inspector Coordinator, Kathryn Hood and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Storm Sewer Agreement accepting jurisdiction and control of approximately 516ft. of storm sewer within the Sargent and Ecorse right-of-ways.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-285

5H. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to concur with Inspector Coordinator, Kathryn Hood and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Storm Sewer Agreement between the City of Romulus and Centex - Highlands Phase 3 as required by Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-286

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff, to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-14 in the grand total amount of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Fifty Nine Cents (\$1,382,225.59).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 25, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 25, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 11, 2005

BUSINESS

'Bodybugg' now available at local health club

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

According to a 2002 study by the national Center for Disease Control, 62 percent of adults in the State of Michigan are considered overweight or obese—and that number is increasing.

According to Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club, there is now a new weapon in the fight against the problem. He said that weight loss boils down to one basic component—burning more calories than you consume. This got much easier, he said, when the Bodybugg calorie management system—which is designed to more accurately monitor the number of calories burned—made its Midwest debut at the club last month. The system has received national attention since it debuted more than a year ago.

"We demonize carbohydrates, we demonize fats—everybody

now knows that with science, it's really energy in, energy out," said Klebba. "And the sad fact is when you boil down the challenge we're all having it comes down to about 50 calories per day making the difference. The cumulative result is pounds every year. The game really becomes to manage that 50 calories so that you're not in a surplus."

The Bodybugg is a computerized armband that uses technology to monitor just how many calories per minute an individual has worked off—whether in the gym or just cleaning the house. The monitor uses sensory data, like changes in body movement patterns and skin temperatures, to determine just what activities a person is involved in and for how long they actually do it in order to provide a more realistic idea of the number of calories that person would have burned, based on their build and weight.

The system also allows users

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Robert Mincey

to log what they eat each day into a computer program that will determine how many calories they have consumed—and where their diet may be lacking.

All of the information is transferred to a computer with the click of a button.

Then, it is sorted and analyzed to provide users with a better idea of where their activity level actually stands, if they are, in fact, burning more calories than they take in, and offers suggestions on how they can make it happen.

"It takes the guesswork out of

it," said Klebba. "It's 96 percent accurate."

Robert Mincey of Northville started wearing the armband on June 12. He swears by it.

"You can literally log every bit of activity that you do—it has sweeping, vacuuming, just everything," said Mincey. "It's just an amazing tool."

The biggest shock, he said, was to find out just how few calories he was actually burning in the gym—and how many are absorbed by everyday tasks.

"If somebody washed their car, they might burn off as many

calories as if they had come to the gym and done a weight workout," said Mincey. "You think, 'oh, you just washed your car—big deal.' But if you put some intensity into it, it really burns calories off."

However, it is the flexibility that appeals to Jamie Coley of Northville, who has been on the program since June.

"What's nice is you get to choose," she said. "It's not like you have to eat perfectly—I can eat pizza and have a beer. I just have to put it in there so that I know what else I'm going to have to do to make sure I make my (caloric) deficit."

For more information, visit www.bodybugg.com or contact the Water Wheel Health Club at (248) 449-7634. The system is available to everyone—regardless of whether or not they work out at the Water Wheel. The program is not Macintosh compatible.

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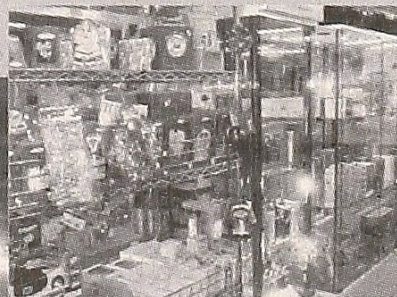
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FOOD

Don't forget the great taste of fish on the grill

Even the rich, powerful and famous have to fuel their bodies and brains and believe it or not, they love good food as much as the rest of us.

When George W. Bush visited Detroit a few years ago, I was asked to prepare food for the President and his staff. One of the choices I made was a grilled salmon, marinated in lime and cilantro.

Many people forget about the great, smoky taste of grilled fish when they fire up that grill that has been sitting in the back yard. Salmon is a great fish for grilling any time because it takes well to the grill. It is firm and has extensive elasticity for flavor.

But before you start, you need to clean the

grill. Use a grill brush to clean off any leftover carbon or charcoal. Next, apply olive oil generously to an old cloth and wipe it over the grill while it is hot to season it.

This lime and cilantro marinade is one of my favorites. It also fits into some new ideas I have been developing for healthier eating.

You can serve salmon over a salad of fresh field greens with cherry tomatoes, cucumber and onion drizzled lightly with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Salmon is also excellent with skewered redskin potatoes and a grilled fresh vegetable. For the redskin potatoes, chop off the top and bottom of the potato, and spray with a butter or flavored cooking spray. You may also simply brush the potatoes with olive oil and season to your liking before grilling on a skewer.

If you're interested in grilling vegetables instead, I recommend grilling fresh zucchini, red or yellow peppers, portabella mushrooms or eggplant. These are some of my favorites and will best complement the fish.



Now serving

by Frank Agostini



Lime Cilantro Marinade

- 30 ounces fresh lime juice
- 30 ounces water
- 3 ounces seeded, minced jalapeno peppers
- 1 ounce cleaned cilantro
- ¼ ounce roasted garlic
- 4 tablespoons ground cumin

Coarsely chop the cilantro and roasted garlic and add to the lime juice and water in bowl. Mix in jalapeno peppers and ground cumin and refrigerate. On the lighter side, marinate the salmon in the mixture for 24 hours in the refrigerator. For a stronger and zester flavor, marinate for 48 hours. Keep in mind that the shelf life of the marinade is only seven days. Marinates 4-6 8-ounce filets.

Frank Agostini is a chef and the owner and operator of E.G. Nick's in Downtown Plymouth. He has recently returned full-time to the restaurant after spending the past four years overseeing the catering operation. He has catered and cooked for some of the most famous people in the world during his long career.

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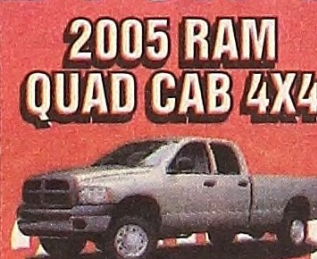
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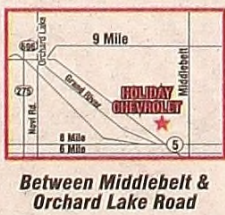
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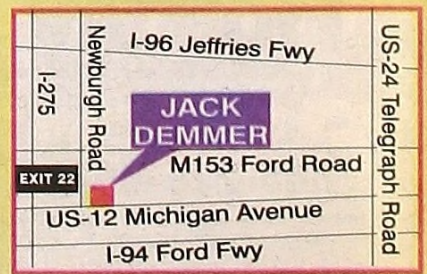
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